



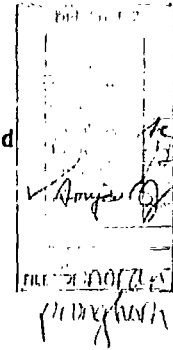
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Mr. Richard Remington  
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Dear Rich:

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your May 6, 1988, letter proffering your resignation as Leader of the Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Team (Team) and recommending dissolution of the Team.

Under your leadership, the Team has met its difficult charge well, first in developing the Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan and then in providing well thought out and substantiated biological advice for the ultimate recovery of this subspecies. Clearly, there is still a long way to go before recovery can be viewed as complete, but I believe the most important steps have been recognized. Yours was not an easy task, but you accomplished a great deal during your tenure as leader and, in accepting your resignation, I would like to thank you for all your efforts.

I agree with your recommendation to disband the Team and have taken the necessary steps to notify and thank the other members. I have considered your suggestion that the Team be replaced by a Sonoran Pronghorn Management Committee, and have referred the proposal to Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) Manager Dave Stanbrough. As you know, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's responsibilities for recovery of the pronghorn have been delegated to the Refuge and Refuge Manager Stanbrough has been charged with the responsibility of coordinating all relevant recovery efforts with all parties interested in the pronghorn and its recovery.

Again, please accept my thanks for your unstinting assistance to this office as leader of the Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Team. I wish you good fortune in your new position in the Yuma Regional Office.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Michael J. Spear

Regional Director

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